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Reference: Mid-Year Report (1/1/97-6/30/97)

Dear Mr. Vinopal:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B of your report (pertinent portion attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. No qualified multicandidate committee may make contributions to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f))

The Commission notes your refund of the excessive contribution(s). The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, your action in refunding the excessive amount(s) will be considered.

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free